

Montana Newsletter

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WORKSHOPS AND CONFERENCES: Sidney librarians will host a one day **LIBRARY AUTOMATION** workshop for school and public librarians in eastern Montana and the Sagebrush Library Federation. Contact: Dawn Greenwood, West Elementary Schools, 482-5501 am, 482-2530 pm, (701)481-7905 (home).

Intensive workshops in DOS and WINDOWS will be held in Billings, Missoula and Great Falls. See calendar for dates. Class size is limited and pre-registration is required. Workshops are free. They are funded by a FY '94 LSCA



Title III Grant from the Montana State Library Commission and the U.S. Department of Education to the Great Falls Public Library. Limited travel stipends are available. Contact: Jim Heckel, Great Falls Public Library, 453-9706, fax 453-0181.

The Mountain Plains Library Association (MPLA) will hold its annual meeting in conjunction with the Nevada Library Association (NLA) this year. This NLA/MPLA Joint Conference will be held at Lake Tahoe, Nevada, October 26-29, 1994. Contact: Gretchen DeRico at (702)887-3074 or fax (702)887-3087.

PERSONAL NOTES: On November 2, 1993, Mary O. Workman resigned from the Swan Lake Library Board of Trustees. She was presented a Certificate of Appreciation for her years of dedication and service to the library from 1978-1993. Mary, as chairperson, was a leading organizer, transforming the tiny Swan Lake Woman's Club Library to the present day Swan Lake Public Library.

Leza Hamby, Library Director of the Rocky Mountain Laboratory Library in Hamilton, has been selected as a member of the WLN Board. She will begin her duties at the Board's annual retreat February 17-18, 1994.

Pat Hayden is the new librarian for the Bridger Public Library.

Judy Meadows, Director of the State Law Library, will be a visiting faculty member of the

University of Washington's School of Library & Information Science this summer. She will teach the Law Library Management Seminar. Each year 10-12 law school graduates are accepted into this preeminent law librarianship program. Judy will be the first non-academic librarian to teach the seminar.

1994 MONTANA LIBRARY DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS AND/OR ADDITIONS:

- pg 4 & 52: ST. PATRICK HOSPITAL
Medical Library new
fax # 542-1729
- pg 1 & 50: Diana Lobie's # 444-3132
- pg 46: MONTANA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND THE BLIND LIBRARY
new phone # 771-6045
new fax # 771-6164
new zip 59405-1697
- pg 48: MONTANA POWER COMPANY LAW LIBRARY
new phone # 723-5454 x72111
new ILL phone # 723-5454 x72961

RENAMED STATE LIBRARY DIVISIONS:

The former Library for the Blind and Physically handicapped is now the Montana Talking Book Library; Information Resources and Library Development have been combined into Statewide Library Resources in order to provide more coordinated services to all libraries and clients.

LONG RANGE PROGRAM AVAILABLE:

Copies of Montana's Long Range Program (1994-96) will be included in the revised LSCA Grant Manual to be distributed in mid-March. To obtain a copy contact: Tristen Shinnick at the State Library (444-3115), or the state electronic bulletin board (444-5648 or 1-800-962-1729) will have it by March 15th.

ILL REMINDER:

Interlibrary loan reimbursements are paid only if the library to which the loan was made is listed in the Montana Library Directory. If you loan material to libraries that are not listed, you are encouraged to have them call Diane Gunderson at the State Library (444-5349) to find out how to be listed in the Directory. Also, reimbursement requests are due 10 working days after the end of a quarter.

PRELIMINARY INFORMATION ON

JUVENILE AUTHOR VISITS: Joan Lowry Nixon will be a guest at the June Western Writers' Conference in Billings; Lynn Reid Banks will be featured at the October MEA Conference in Billings. More information will be forthcoming.

LIBRARIES FOR THE FUTURE (LFF) is a national organization whose goal is to foster innovative partnerships between public libraries and their communities, and to encourage library and information users to take on active roles as public library advocates. LFF has many resources to offer, including a handbook Library Advocacy Power Tools, which can be useful to local library advocates. Most materials are available at no charge. Contact: Laura Powers, Field Director at (212)682-7446.

THE SPECIAL LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION

[SLA] has produced a video in cooperation with Mead Data Central entitled, "The Information Partnership: Recognizing a Valuable Information Partner." You get the tape, five copies of an executive summary, and a guide book for \$15. It is for use in making presentations to management on how the information center contributes to the success of an organization. Contact: Angie Roberts at Mead Data Central, (800)227-9597 x6664.

PLA AWARDS:

The Public Library Assoc. has a flyer to promote its annual awards, including an Advancement of Literacy Award, multilingual library programs award, and an award for excellence in small and/or rural public library service. Contact: (800)545-2433 x5027.

VIDEOFORUM: NATIVE AMERICANS:

The Library Video Classics Project, funded by the Rockefeller and MacArthur Foundations, has a booklet offering videos on Native American history and culture. A special price is offered for buying all the videos prior to May 31. Contact: (800)346-5383.

INDEX AVAILABLE:

The Montana Historical Society has published a comprehensive index covering 1951-1990 for its quarterly history journal Montana the Magazine of Western History. Annual indexes for 1991, 1992, and 1993 will be available by mid-1994. Contact: Montana Historical Society Museum Store, P.O. Box 201201, Helena, MT 59620-1201, (800)243-9900 or (406)444-2890.

CALL FOR PAPERS:

The MLA's Academic and Special Libraries Division is sponsoring a "Contributed Paper" program at the Annual Conference in Butte, April 24-27. Notices of Intent must be submitted by March 1st. Contact Kathy Kaya, Renne Library, MSU, (994-5312, fax 994-2851, email alikk@msu.oscs.montana.edu)

THE 20TH ANNUAL LIBRARY
MEETING WILL BE HELD ON APRIL 19, 1994, IN
 WASHINGTON, D.C. The day is devoted to
 meeting with senators, representatives, and their
 staff members on Capitol Hill. Issues to be
 discussed include congressional budget priorities,
 the Library Services and Construction Act
 (LSCA), funding for the three national libraries
 (Library of Congress, National Agricultural
 Library, and the National Library of Medicine),
 Government Printing Office, the Elementary and
 Secondary Education Act (ESEA), access and
 secondary information policy, access and
 telecommunications issues.

PAY ATTENTION TO THE INTEGRITY OF
THE INFORMATION ON THE
INFORMATION HIGHWAY, WARNS SLA
EXECUTIVE. The Special Libraries Association
 (SLA) applauds the general direction being taken
 by the Clinton/Gore Administration in developing
 the "Information Superhighway," according to
 Dr. David R. Bender, executive director of SLA.
 Responding to Vice President Gore's speech to
 the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences,
 January 11, Bender explained that SLA supports
 the establishment of a telecommunications
 structure which can provide universal access to
 information by all segments of society, including
 the individual at home or at work. Bender also
 praised Gore's challenge to the members of the
 printed format industry to provide free links from
 the information superhighway to schools,
 libraries, hospitals and clinics by the year 2000.
 However, he warned that attention must be given
 to the information on the network as well as to
 the telecommunications systems themselves.

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can be customized. All responses are confidential
 and will be used solely for the purpose of
 completing a national picture of library customer
 satisfaction to be used for promoting library use
 and support. For a copy of the survey and
 guidelines for administering it contact: ALA
 Public Information Office at (800)545-2433
 x5044/5041.

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 undergraduate and doctoral degrees as well as
 sixth year certificates and continuing education.
 Cost: \$1 for single copy. Contact: SCOLE,
 ALA, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611. For
 multiple copies contact SCOLE at ALA,
 (800)545-2433, x4277.

75TH ANNIVERSARY OF CHILDREN'S
BOOK WEEK. The Children's Book Council is
 launching a campaign to commemorate the 75th
 Anniversary of National Children's Book Week.
 Nov. 14-20, 1994. A number of U.S. cities plan
 to hold a series of city-wide events during Book
 Week on "Read Across America Day," Saturday,

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- March 11 - Library Automation
 Workshop in Sidney.
- April 15 - DOS workshops, Billings and
 Missoula (1-5 pm)
 16 - Windows Workshop, Billings
 17-23 - National Library Week
 19 - ALA Legislative Day, Washington
 D.C.
 24-27 - Montana Library Assoc. Stat
 Annual Conf., Copier King Inn,
 Butte. Contact: 406-723-5454
 x72111
- May 1 - Update due out.
 12 - "Achieving Breakthrough
 Service in Libraries," a
 teleconference. Contact:
 (800)545-2433 x5044/5041
 13 - DOS workshop, Great Falls
 14 - Windows workshop, Great
 Falls (8-12 am)

Nov. 19. The Children's Book Council, official
 sponsor of National Children's Book Week, is a
 not-for-profit association of children's and young
 adult trade book publishers. Teachers and
 librarians interested in 75th Anniversary plans
 and materials may request information by sending
 a self-addressed label to CBC, 75th Book Week
 Celebration, 568 Broadway, Suite 404, New
 York, NY 10012.(212)966-1990.

ALEX, THE LIBRARIAN is a comic strip that
 probes fun at the world of books, current events
 and relationships. You can get a free
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